

ECB's NOTICE BOARD

22 nd October	10.30am	Informal Worship with Communion Trinity 19 <i>Stewardship - Relationships</i> Leader: Erika Biscoe Preacher: Ian Biscoe Reading: Jeanette Collett Prayers: Phil Trout
	7.00pm	Evening Service with Adult Baptisms <i>Safe? – Faith Romans 4:18-25</i> Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Roger Winson
23 rd October		No After school club (<i>Half Term</i>)
24 th October	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00-12noon	Rock of Ages Café
	7.00pm	Death and Cake
	7.30pm	Prison Fellowship
25 th October	7.00pm	Prayers in church
26 th October		No Youth Group (<i>Half Term</i>)
27 th October	7.30pm	Contemplative Compline <i>The Shining Sun – 1 John 1:1-9</i>
29 th October	10.30am	Informal Worship (Doing it Differently) Trinity 20 <i>Stewardship - Money</i> Leader: Andrew Collett Preacher: Robert Jackson Reading: Lisa Verman Prayers: TBC
	7.00pm	Evening Service Leader: Ian Biscoe Preacher: Scott Dalton
30 th October		No After school club (<i>Inset Day</i>)
31 st October	9.00am	Prayers in Church
	10.00-12noon	Rock of Ages Café
	7.00pm	Death and Cake
1 st November	7.30pm	CAP Money Reunion (<i>June Course</i>)



Welcome!

*to the church
at the heart
of the community*

Prayer chain: prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk

Notices: notices@emmanuelbicester.org.uk

email to receive either of these.

Website: www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk

**22nd
October
2017**

We extend a warm welcome to regulars and visitors alike. If you are new at Emmanuel, or visiting, please do introduce yourself to one of the Welcome Team.

Erika Biscoe writes,

As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news.'

As many of you know at the beginning of this month we held a mission weekend hosted by Through Faith Missions in which ten evangelists joined us in putting on various events including dads and kids in the cafe, harvest outreach, café church and a healing and wholeness service.

They also visited the Southwold estate where in teams of two they approached 478 doors with a beliefs survey. Three they didn't knock as they displayed a 'No callers' notice. 309 didn't answer (some residents did not open the door or refused to undertake the survey on realising it was about beliefs). 166 surveys were completed and these were the answers;

Question 1.

What do you believe about God?

- Just a force?
- A distant being?
- A personal God?
- Non-existent
- Something else?

35% believed in a personal God

Question 2.

What do you believe happens at the end of our lives?

- We die and that's it
- We return to earth in another form or as another person
- We all go to heaven
- Some people go to heaven but others to hell
- I am not sure
- Something else

25% said they were not sure

Question 3.

What do you believe about Jesus?

- He didn't exist at all
- He was an ordinary man and nothing more

- c. He was a prophet or messenger from God
- d. He is the only Son of God
- e. Other

34% said they were not sure

**Question 4.
Have you ever had a spiritual experience? Or ever prayed about an issue?**

49% said yes

Of the 51% who had not had a spiritual experience they said they had prayed but did not feel they had had answers or that their prayers related to God. From the final question we can ascertain that people are open spiritually but the survey shows that their knowledge of Christ is limited.

Through faith missions have shown us through their actions and words,

and reminded us as a church, that there are many people that need to know about Jesus.

So here lies a challenge to us all. How can we make a difference?

How then can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how then can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?

And how can they preach unless they are sent? As it is written, '*How beautiful are the feet that bring good news.*'

Who is God sending you to speak to today?

Blessings Erika

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you would value prayer for yourself or a loved one, please email the ECB prayer chain prayerchain@emmanuelbicester.org.uk
You are welcome at Tuesday morning prayers - 9am in the Community Room.

BICESTER FOODBANK

Janet has reported that the Foodbank shelves are now full. Please can you consider giving financially or some "treats" ready for Christmas rather than the usual items. She is also looking for volunteers to collect for an hour or two outside Tesco over the weekend of 30th Nov-2nd Dec.

DEATH and CAKE

Weekly Presentations and Discussions About End of Life and Ending Well. If you have elderly relatives, or if you *are* elderly and want to put your affairs in order, or if you are just 'interested' – please do come and join us on Tuesday evenings between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. through to and including 7th November. Pick up a flyer for more information or speak to *Carol Hill*.

CHERISH - LADIES CRAFT AND PAMPER DAY

Saturday 4th November - 10am-4pm. Tickets are £8 each and can be booked via the ECB website (www.emmanuelbicester.org.uk)

Includes light lunch, refreshments, treatments and craft.

Further details from *Erika Biscoe*.

MENS BREAKFAST

Saturday 11th November 8am -10.30am. Speaker to be confirmed.

Book via Eventbrite <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/churches-in-bicester-mens-breakfast-tickets-38866184805> or speak to Karen in the Church Office.

ADVENT CALENDARS and CANDLES

If you would like to order a "Real Advent Calendar" with the Christmas Story and Fairtrade chocolate then please let Karen know before 5th November. They are £3.99 each. Also, we can order advent candles at £3.20 to help you countdown to Christmas.

VOLUNTEERS always needed

Every week there are people who help the services run smoothly, often by doing things in the background. We need people with a variety of skills and gifts to welcome visitors, help with refreshments, run the sound and visuals, make and serve refreshments, run the children's groups etc etc..

Could you volunteer to join one of the rotas? Speak to Ian or contact Karen in the office if you are interested.

Hosting with HOSTUK 2017-18

Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. Hebrews 13:2

HOST UK is a charity whose mission is to give a welcome to international students in British homes for friendship and cultural exchange. We operate *all* year round including Christmas and New Year when being welcomed into a home is vastly preferable to lonely halls of residence. Hospitality can be offered for one day (daytime only), three days and two nights at the weekend, or at New Year, or four days and three nights during the Christmas festive period.

If you should like to know more please look at our website: www.hostuk.org

Any notices for next week to Karen by 7 p.m. Wednesday
at administrator@emmanuelbicester.org.uk